Associations, Economic Forums have been addressing communications seeking more investment-liberalisation. Liberalisation of policy is an ongoing process and Government is making all out efforts to encourage NRI investment.

Literacy rate in the country

777. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the States in the country where literacy is below the national average; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to increase literacy in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPPT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The States/UTs in the country where the literacy rate is below the national average of 52.21% are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

(b) As the majority of the non literate population in the country belong to the above States, the National Literacy Mission's thrust has been on these states in the recent past. With a view to increasing the literacy in these States, some special measures like Sensitization workshops for collectors and the other officials and non officials involved in literacy campaigns; workshops for writers and media personnel for sensitization on literacy issues etc. were organised there. Further, a Conference on literacy of six States, including the above five major States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh was held in New Delhi where the position of campaigns in these States was reviewed comprehensively.

Manufacture of Herbal Health/Nutritional Supplements

778. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Herbal Health/Nutritional Supplements can be manufactured in Licenced Pharmaceutical Factories for the purpose of export; and

(b) whether any licence/permission is required from any authority of Government/Quasi-Government for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DEPTT. OF INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINES AND HOMOEOPATHY) (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Health/Nutritional supplements of Herbal or any other origin are considered as food products and are required to be manufactured under Licence granted by local health authorities/municipal administration.

As such there is no bar on undertaking manufacturing of such products in licenced Pharmaceutical Factories.

गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा का उत्पादन

779. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री एस० एस० सुरजेवाला:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा पैदा करने के संबंध में गैर-सरकारी पार्टियों से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ख) क्या किन्हीं विदेशी कम्पनियों ने संयुक्त उद्यम में गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा पैदा करने में अपनी रुचि दिखाई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में प्रस्तावों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) प्रत्येक परियोजना पर कितनी लागत आने का अनुमान है; और

(ङ) प्रत्येक परियोजना की ऊर्जा पैदा करने की क्षमता कितनी होगी?